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SUB: CURRENT REACTION REPORT FEB 8

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION USINFO, INFO SECSTATE, KARACHI, LAHORE,  
NEW DELHI, KABUL AND DACCA DATED FEB 08, 1975  
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SUB: PAKISTAN MEDIA REACTION FEB 8

BHUTTO VISIT: U.S.-PAK JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND BHUTTO'S  
REMARKS AT HIS DINNER RECEPTION DOMINATED LEADS WITH  
MOST USING BANNER HEADS. OTHER ITEMS WHICH RECEIVED  
PROMINENT FRONT PAGE TREATMENT INCLUDED BHUTTO'S  
DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON AND ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK AND  
BBC CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT SAYING "ARMS BAN TO END THIS  
MONTH--BHUTTO ASSURED".

EXTENSIVE FRONT, BACK-PAGE PICTORIAL COVERAGE INCLUDING  
FORD'S DINNER, BHUTTO DINNER FOR ROCKEFELLER, DEPARTURE  
FROM WASHINGTON AND ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK AND BHUTTO  
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MEETINGS WITH KISSINGER, SCHLESINGER AND MORGAN.

BIGGEST CIRCULATION JANG USED SEVEN PICTURES ON FRONT PAGE. LEAD STORIES IN NPT'S PAKTIMES AND MORNING NEWS ON JOINT COMMUNIQUE WERE CREDITED TO THEIR CORRESPONDENTS WHO ADDED THEIR COMMENTS, WHILE OTHERS USED APP VERSION. PAKTIMES H.K. BURKI WRITING ON COMMUNIQUE SAID QUOTE "PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S VISIT, WHICH CONCLUDED WITH A JOINT COMMUNIQUE THIS MORNING, HAS ACHIEVED ITS MAIN OBJECTIVES--THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CLOSE PERSONAL CONTACT WITH PRESIDENT GERALD FORD AND THE REAFFIRMATION OF WASHINGTON'S CONTINUED BACKING FOR PAKISTAN'S INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AS "AN ENDURING PRINCIPLE OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY".

THERE IS A BRIEF REFERENCE IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE TO THE "MUTUAL SECURITY CONCERNS" IN THE CONTEXT OF COMMITMENT TO THE STRENGTHENING OF REGIONAL AND WORLD PEACE WHICH LEAVES THE QUESTION OF AMERICAN ARMS EMBARGO UNSETTLED, IN A FORMAL SENSE AT LEAST. HOWEVER, PRESIDENT FORD'S REITERATION OF POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR PAKISTAN'S INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY CARRIES WITH IT A GOOD DEAL OF WEIGHT. CERTAINLY ITS IMPORTANCE WITH NOT BE LOST ON PAKISTAN'S HOSTILE NEIGHBOURS.

IN CONCRETE TERMS, THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE MERELY FORMALISES THE ALREADY KNOWN AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO SUPPLY ANOTHER 300,000 TONS OF WHEAT TO PAKISTAN AND MR. FORD'S ASSURANCE ON ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS THIS YEAR AND THE NEXT. THE PRESIDENT HAS ALSO PLEDGED APRIORITY ATTENTION" TO PAKISTAN'S DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS.

IT MAY BE TOO SOON OF COURSE TO MAKE A PROPER ASSESSMENT OF MR. BHUTTO'S INTENSIVE EFFORTS TO SOFTEN CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION TO THE LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO. A PRELIMINARY EVALUATION INDICATES THAT WHILE SOME OF THE LEADERS IN CONGRESS ARE NOW SYMPATHETIC TO PAKISTAN'S CASE OTHERS CONTINUE, FOR VARIOUS REASONS, TO MAINTAIN THEIR HOSTILITY. UNQUOTE

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COMMUNIQUE SAID QUOTE "FOR MORE WAS ACHIEVED DURING PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S TWO-DAY TALKS IN WASHINGTON THAN HAS BEEN MENTIONED IN THE BLAND JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK THIS MORNING. WHILE THE COMMUNIQUE IS FIRM ON PRESIDENT FORD'S COMMITMENT TO GIVE FOUR LAKH TONS OF WHEAT TO PAKISTAN THIS YEAR, IT IS NON-COMMITTAL ON THE ISSUE OF LIFTING THE EMBARGO ON U.S. ARMS TO PAKISTAN BECAUSE OF THE

SENSITIVITY OF THE U.S. CONGRESS AND THE NEED TO  
OBTAIN CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL BEFORE THE EMBARGO CAN BE  
LIFTED. BUT ON THE POLITICAL PLANE, PRESIDENT FORD'S  
COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY  
OF PAKISTAN IS FORTHRIGHT AND IT HAS BEEN MENTIONED  
AS AN "ENDURING PRINCIPLE OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY."  
INDEPENDENT NAWA-I-WAQT COUPLED ITS LEAD ON COMMUNIQUE  
WITH A COMMENT BY ITS CORRESPONDENT ARIF NIZAMI SAYING  
QUOTE "THOUGH NO DEFINITE ASSURANCE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO  
PAKISTAN ABOUT LIFTING OF ARMS EMBARGO, THERE IS GENERAL  
IMPRESSION THAT PREMIER BHUTTO HAS SUCCEEDED IN CONVINCING  
U.S. GOVERNMENT AND AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS ABOUT REASONABLE-  
NESS OF PAKISTAN' DEMAND." NIZAMI QUOTED FROM AMERICAN  
PRESS TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CONTENTION.  
APP REPORTING OF COMMUNIQUE AND BHUTTO DINNER SPEECH WAS  
STRAIGHT.  
FOLLOWING  
ARE MAJOR HEADLINES:  
NPT PAKTIMES: "BHUTTO'S VISIT ACHIEVES ITS MAIN  
OBJECTIVES: JOINT COMMUNIQUE--ENDURING SUPPORT FOR  
PAKISTAN'S INTEGRITY REAFFIRMED BY AMERICA".  
INDEPENDENT DAWN: "MUTUAL SECURITY AND REGIONAL PEACE  
DISCUSSED. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON PM'S U.S. VISIT--  
FRIENDSHIP WITH INDIA ON EQUALITY BASIS, SAYS BHUTTO"  
NPT MORNING NEWS: "SUPPORT TO PAKISTAN INDEPENDENCE U.S.  
POLICY'S ENDING PRINCIPLE: SAYS FORD., BHUTTO ASSURED  
OF PRIORITY TO AID REQUIREMENTS.-- BHUTTO HAS GIVEN SENSE  
OF PURPOSE TO PAKISTAN, SAYS ROCKEFELLER."  
INDEPENDENT JANG: "PM BHUTTO, PRESIDENT FORD DISCUSS  
MUTUAL SECURITY PROBLEMS. INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY OF  
PAKISTAN ARE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY,  
SAYS FORD., AGREEMENT ON FURTHER STRENGTHENING CLOSE  
RELATIONS.-- PAKISTAN READY TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH  
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INDIA ON EQUALITY, NON-INTERFERENCE BASIS, SAYS BHUTTO.

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YOU HAVE MADE THE NATION REALISE ITS DESTINATION, OBJECT  
TIVES, SAYS ROCKEFELLER."

INDEPENDENT NAWA-I-WAQT: "RELATIONS BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND  
U.S. WILL BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED, JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT BY  
PREMIER BHUTTO AND PRESIDENT FORD, PAKISTAN'S INDEPENDENCE  
AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY WILL REMAIN ENDURING PRINCIPLE  
OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, PRESIDENT FORD AND PREMIER BHUTTO  
HELD IMPORTANT TALKS ON MUTUAL SECURITY, U.S. WILL CONTINUE  
TO GIVE ASSISTANCE FOR PAKISTAN'S FOOD AND DEVELOPMENT  
NEEDS, U.S. WILL FULFILL ITS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR  
STRENGTHENING OLD TIES--PRESIDENT FORD".

TV AND RADIO COVERAGE: KARACHI TV SATELLITED BHUTTO'S  
DINNER SHOWING BHUTTO, ROCKEFELLER SPEECHES  
(FILM TO BE SHOWN OTHER STATIONS SATURDAY NIGHT).  
RADIO, TV NEWSCAST STRESSED BHUTTO DINNER REMARK  
"MY WASHINGTON VISIT HAS BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL, USEFUL  
AND CONSTRUCTIVE".

RADIO SATURDAY MORNING DEVOTED MOST OF ITS NATIONWIDE  
NEWSCAST TO COMMUNIQUE WITH POSITIVE OVERTONES.  
EDITORIAL COMMENTS: INDEPENDENT NAWA-I-WAQT, JANG AND  
PEOPLES PARTY DAILY MUSAWAAT COMMENTED ON BHUTTO VISIT  
FOCUSSING ON ARMS QUESTION.

NAWA-I-WAQT SAID QUOTE "PREMIER BHUTTO HAS APPRISED  
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U.S. LEADERS OF PAKISTAN'S DEFENCE REQUIREMENTS.  
THOUGH NO DEFINITE PROMISE HAS BEEN GIVEN IN THIS REGARD,  
U.S. HAS ALSO NOT REPLIED IN NEGATIVE AND THIS QUESTION  
IS UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION. U.S. IS PAKISTAN'S ALLY  
IN BILATERAL AND COLLECTIVE SECURITY PACTS. PZOPLE OF  
PAKISTAN ARE JUSTIFIED IN COMPLAINING THAT U.S. BETRAYED  
IN TIME OF NEED. U.S. CAN WIN BACK FRIENDSHIP OF PAKISTANIS  
BY RESUMING ARMS AID. U.S. NEEDS THIS FRIENDSHIP BADLY

FOR PROTECTING ITS INTERESTS IN MIDEAST AND GULF AREA (AND INDIAN OCEAN). IF U.S. CONSIDERS PAKISTAN CORNERSTONE IN ITS FOREIGN POLICY, IT IS DUE TO PAKISTAN'S GEOGRAPHICAL IMPORTANCE AND ITS PROXIMITY TO MIDEAST AND GULF AREA. KEEPING IN VIEW POLICY U.S. IS PURSUING TOWARD INDIA AND EFFORTS IT IS MAKING TO BRING INDIA OUT OF SOVIET SPHERE OF INFLUENCE, WE SHOULD NOT HOPE THAT PAKISTAN WILL GET AS MUCH MILITARY AID AS ISRAEL GETS." UNQUOTE.

JANG SAID QUOTE "U.S. COOPERATION FOR SOLVING PAKISTAN FOOD PROBLEM IS VERY VALUABLE. BUT MORE IMPORTANT THAN FOOD IS THE PROBLEM OF ARMS SUPPLIES TO ENABLE IT TO DEFEND ITS FRONTIERS AT TIMES OF NEED. PAK STAND ON ARMS HAS FROM THE START BEEN EXTREMELY JUST AND REASONABLE, AND ITS REASONABLENESS HAS BECOME MORE VIVID IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES OBTAINING IN THE SUBCONTINENT. CHANGED CONDITIONS IN THIS AREA LEAVE NO REASON FOR AMERICAN APPREHENSIONS REGARDING ARMS RACE. IF U.S. SUPPLIES ARMS TO PAKISTAN, PEACE IN NO WAY WILL BE HARMED. THERE IS ALSO NO REASON FOR ANY APPREHENSION REGARDING INDO-PAK RELATIONS. UNDER THE SIMLA AGREEMENT, MUCH HAS BEEN ACHIEVED AND OTHER PROBLEMS INCLUDING KASHMIR CAN WELL BE DISCUSSED. IF PAKISTAN ACHIEVES DEFENDABLE DEFENSIVE CAPABILITY, THE CONDITIONS FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENTS OF DISPUTES THROUGH TALKS WILL BECOME MORE FAVORABLE. A WEAKER PAKISTAN CAN WELL PROVIDE THE COURAGE TO INDIA OF VIOLATING AGREEMENTS. SO, U.S. SHOULD SUPPLY ITS DEFENSE NEEDS AND ENABLE IT TO DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST ANY POWERFUL COUNTRY'S AGGRESSION." UNQUOTE. MUSAWAAT: OBSERVED, QUOTE "PREMIER BHUTTO HAS APPRISED U.S. LEADERS OF PAKISTAN'S POINT OF VIEW ON VARIOUS PROBLEMS. AS FAR AS PAKISTAN'S DEFENCE REQUIREMENTS UNCLASSIFIED

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ARE CONCERNED, U.S. LEADERS ARE READY TO CONSIDER LIFTING OF ARMS EMBARGO AND FOR PRESENT IT CAN BE TERMED AS CLEAR STEP TOWARD MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. SINCE U.S. CONSIDERS PAKISTAN'S INDEPENDENCE IMPORTANT PART OF ITS FOREIGN POLICY, ONE SHOULD HOPE U.S. WILL REVISE ITS POLICY ON ARMS SUPPLY. PREMIER BHUTTO HAS MADE CLEAR THAT PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR POLICY DEPENDS ON U.S. REPLY. IF PAKISTAN'S DEFENCE REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT MET WITH MODERN U.S. ARMS, PAKISTAN WILL HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO FORMULATE ITS ATOMIC PROGRAM KEEPING IN VIEW ITS DEFENCE NEEDS. PREMIER BHUTTO'S U.S. VISIT HAS MADE IT CLEAR U.S. LEADERS HAVE FULLY REALIZED THIS SITUATION AND PROSPECTS OF U.S., AS FRIEND OF PAKISTAN, SELLING ARMS TO PAKISTAN HAVE BRIGHTENED." UNQUOTE LUPPI

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